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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Divisional Application of: )  
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Talal G. SHAMOON et al. ) Prior Group Art Unit: 2171  
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS )  
FOR PERSISTENT CONTROL )  
AND PROTECTION OF CONTENT )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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